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SUBJECT: TARAPUR: PRESS DISCUSSES FUEL PROBLEMS

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1. SEVERAL MAJOR DELHI PAPERS SEPT. 18 CARRIED AN OFFICIAL WIRE SERVICE (SAMACHAR) DESPATCH WHICH DISCUSSES THE TARAPUR FUEL SUPPLY PROBLEM: "THE INDIAN NUCLEAR FUEL COMPLEX (NFC) IN HYDERABAD HAS ENRICHED URANIUM ENOUGH TO SUPPLY FUEL BUNDLES TO THE TARAPUR NUCLEAR PLANT FOR THE NEXT FIVE MONTHS. AUTHORITIES OF THE FUEL COMPLEX TOLD SAMACHAR THAT THE NINE TONS OF ENRICHED URANIUM SUPPLIED BY THE UNITED STATES IN JULY WOULD LAST THROUGH FEBRUARY 1977. FABRICATION OF FUEL FOR THE TARAPUR PLANT FOR THE COMING YEAR WOULD DEPEND ON THE NEXT SHIPMENT OF ENRICHED URANIUM FROM AMERICA. NFC OFFICIALS SAID THERE IS NO WORD YET ABOUT THE SHIPMENT BUT AMERICAN EXPERTS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN VISITING NFC TO TAKE INVENTORY OF ENRICHED URANIUM BOTH AT THE PLANT SITE AND IN THE TARAPUR 'PIPELINE'."

2. COMMENT: THE FEB. 1977 DAT ASCRIBED TO THE "AUTHORITIES OF THE FUEL COMPLEX" IS AT VARIANCE WITH THE MAY 1977 DATE REPORTED REFTEL. WE ASSUME INDIANS DO NOT YET WANT TO REVEAL PRIVATE "CONCESSIONS" ON REVISED SCHEDULE. END COMMENT.

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EM THE SAMACHAR ARTICLE STATES THAT THE SECOND RAJASTHAN

ATOMIC POWER PLANT (RAPP II) IS EXPECTED TO BE COMMISSIONED NEXT YEAR. IT IS DESCRIBED AS USING NATURALLY OCCURRING URANIUM PROCESSED IN INDIA. IN ADDITION, THE PLANT "REQUIRES AN INITIAL CHARGE OF SOME 240 TONNES OF HEAVY WATER TO BE PROCURED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN CANADA WHICH HAS SINCE SEVERED ITS NUCLEAR TIES WITH INDIA." H.C. KATIYAR, DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE NFC, IS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT RAPP II WILL NOT BE DELAYED BECAUSE OF FUEL.
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